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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03/07/07

SPONSOR Garcia LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB HM 58

SHORT TITLE San Miguel County Health Care Services SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 58 wishes to congratulate San Miguel County for its establishment of a pilot project for affordable health care services and providing affordable health care to its uninsured persons without increasing government contributions.

The memorial provides the following comments:

- The San Miguel board of county commissioners has involved itself in a multistate pilot program to benefit the uninsured.
- That pilot program makes significant reductions in rates for health care services and yet requires no new state funds.
- Through the system, employers and working taxpayers can budget for health care costs at affordable levels similar to average rates from five years ago.
- Through the system, providers are able to substantially discount their rates because they are guaranteed cash flow without long waiting periods or administrative overhead and billing costs.
- The new program also creates a high-risk pool of persons who are not currently insured through seed money from federal grants.
- Removing the most expensive cases from the pool reduces the costs for those with less critical needs.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The memorial provides that the San Miguel County be encouraged to access federal funds to continue the pilot program.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The memorial further provides that the San Miguel County Board of Commissioners be congratulated for its dedication in finding and carrying out a multistate pilot program that will save its residents money while giving more residents access to health care.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

The San Miguel County Board of Commissioners will not be congratulated for this effort through this memorial.

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